

DC Stoddert Soccer
Minutes of Meeting of the Board
October 1, 2008

Attendance: D. Repka, B. Garcia, D. Sarley, J. Hillman, R. Hartheimer, C. Merriam, G. Robb, E. Glick, C. Myers, W. Anderson, T. Gross, K. Samsot, N. Keenan, L. Oliver, E. Fredell, and M. Reingruber.

I. Consent Items

A. Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of June 5, 2008, with a clarification to reflect total budgeted spending for the PCA initiative of \$5,000 for the year and the Open coaches trainer of \$5,000 per season/\$10,000 per year.

The Board approved the minutes of September 10, 2008, with a change to reflect total spending on the renovation of Ft Stevens of \$23,000

B. Sponsorship Policy

The Board approved the adoption of the Sponsorship Policy, with a limit of raising \$500 per recreational team and \$1,500 per travel team per season, before additional funds raised in excess of those limits must be applied to DC Stoddert to support club initiatives. The Board noted that the policy would be posted to the website, but once a fundraising program is put in place, the website would commence with a statement of support and encouragement to teams to find sponsors.

II. Reports

A. Referees

Director of Referees, Walt Anderson, noted that the referee program was going well, with good coverage at games. He noted that the program is starting to attract adults as well as teenagers and was encouraged to reach out to high schools and the upper age travel teams for additional referees. He noted that there will be a recertification course (Tue and Thursday) for 8, 9 and 12s, dates TBD, and that incidence of coaches yelling at junior referees appears to be down this year to date.

B. Financial Report

Treasurer, Bob Hartheimer, distributed a financial report that demonstrates that DC Stoddert remains in sound financial condition. He noted that steps were being taken to insure that DC Stoddert does not have an excessive amount of funds in any given bank account. Finance Manager, Missy Reingruber, noted that she will check into the high cost of credit card

processing fees we have been assessed by Demosphere now that we have split into two registration systems for Travel and Open.

C. Open Committee

Open Committee Chair, Greg Robb, noted that a major PCA Parent Training program will be held at the 4-H Center on Connecticut Ave, most likely on October 22nd. [Now scheduled for October 29th.] The U10 Rec. Training has begun despite a number of rainouts, with Amir Lowrey leading the sessions.

D. Travel Committee

Director of Travel Soccer, Kate Samsot, noted that Craig Jones has been nominated for VYSA Coach of the Year.

She also noted that the visit and training session with the Argentine coaches had gone well and that a similar visit from some Moroccan coaches is upcoming.

E. Director of Coaching

Len Oliver's report was handed out and is attached to these minutes.

III. Discussion Items

A. Website Redesign

The Board discussed the plans to redesign the DC Stoddert website, with particular emphasis on enhancing its use for fundraising. The Board authorized paying Kabo to work with Tom Gross/Kate Samsot and Demosphere to upgrade and update the website.

B. Premier Partnership with DCPR

The Board discussed the draft partnership agreement with DCPR and authorized the transmittal of a mark-up of the draft agreement, with a modification to the 4th obligation of DPR to "work to gain access for DC Stoddert Soccer to DCPS fields at a reasonable rate, particularly High School artificial surface fields and the Alice Deal School field on Saturdays and Sundays." Further meetings to follow up with DCPR will occur this month.

C. Fields

Fields Commissioner, Charlie Myers, distributed a draft note summarizing developments on access to fields. He noted that the newly turfed field at Lamont Riggs was opened yesterday and that DC Stoddert is working to obtain some access to that field. He further noted that we may get better access to the high school fields through DCPR's permits in the spring, given that there won't be competition with football for field space.

D. Jelleff

Chairman, Dave Repka, outlined the plans by the Boys and Girls Club to pull out of Jelleff, selling the rights to the facility and field to some combination of a successor entity, private schools and/or DC Stoddert, along with the city. The Board discussed at length DC Stoddert's approach and participation, with encouragement to see if DC Stoddert's access to and control over the field and the facility could be significantly enhanced. Dave Repka will continue to pursue this and to attend meetings in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club.

E. Board of 2009

Dave Repka noted the need to begin planning for a new Board for 2009, noting that he was retiring at Chairman at the end of this year. Bob Hartheimer noted that he will be stepping down as Treasurer as well, making it imperative that the Board find new members to fill vacating spaces on the board.

F. Stoddert's History Transcript

Len Oliver outlined the work that he has down to chronicle the history of DC Stoddert as a club, with oral histories having been taken from all of DC Stoddert's past leaders. Len will be forwarding to the Board a proposal to have those histories written up in a booklet for publication and posting to the website.

Next Board Meeting: November 5, 2008



DC STODDERT SOCCER LEAGUE

October 1, 2008

TO: DC Stoddert Board

RE: Len's DOC Report

1. USSF Courses

- F Modules at Jelleff: Sept. 12-13: 28 coaches, all but two from DCSSL
- E Course in December: ___ pre-registered. Note: In this Course, we will have trained our 4,000th coach and we'll try to publicize this fact.

2. Use of Pro Coaches Lists

- Open Coaches continue to use the Lists for hired coaches/trainers and for the Subsidy Programs
- Len will be asking all coaches on the list to subscribe to the "KidSafe Program"

3. Open Coaches Training

- Mondays at Hearst. Between 10-12 open coaches have attended each session with Len and Craig Jones.
- We will have to move the program under the lights at Jelleff by mid-October.

4. Weekly Skills Clinics for Open Players

- Karen Kelsler: (All at Hardy on Mondays):
 - U8s: 3 players
 - U9-10s: 10-12 players
 - U11-14s: 10-12 players
- Craig Jones:
- Mohamed Bennani: (Carter Barron)
 - U9-10s: 20 players (Tuesdays)
 - U11-13s: 14 players (Thursdays)

5. Visits of International Players/Coaches
 - a. 12 Argentine coaches of females came to DC in late September, arranged by the US Dept. of State's Office of Citizen Exchanges. Kate was instrumental in arranging Training and putting in a writeup for the website.
 - 10 Moroccan female players, age 14 + will be here with two Moroccan coaches from October 11-17 under the same program. We are arranging for training sites. Mohamed Bennani will be a lead coach.

6. **DC Stoddert Night at RFK**

On Saturday, October 4, DC United v. Chivas, USA.

DCU has discounted tickets for the match for DCSSL families, coaches, players.

Ben Hawkins:

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